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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5964

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, OAS, ES, HO

SUBJECT: OAS SEC GEN VISITS TEGUCIGALPA

1. OAS SEC GEN ORFILA VISITED TEGUCIGALPA MARCH 1-2 TO DISCUSS  
PROGRESS

IN ATTEMPT TO REACH A SETTLEMENT IN THE HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR DISPUTE.  
HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN SEVERAL PRESS CONFERENCES THAT EL  
SALVADOR WOULD SOON RATIFY THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT AND THAT PROGRESS  
IN ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT WOULD BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ORFILA  
STATED THAT HONDURAS' RAPID RATIFICATION OF THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT  
CAUSED A GOOD IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON. ORFILA STATED THAT,  
CONTRARY TO RUMOR, NEITHER COUNTRY HAD ASKED HIM TO BE THE MEDIATOR  
AND THAT HE COULD NOT DO SO GIVEN HIS POSITION IN THE OAS.

2. ORFILA MET PRIVATELY WITH CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR AND FONMIN PALMA  
DURING HIS VISIT. THE FONMIN GAVE ORFILA A RECEPTION WHICH WAS  
ATTENDED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SOME MINISTERS AND FORMER  
DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING TWO EX-FONMINS.  
ORFILA RECIPROCATED BY GIVING A LUNCHEON ON MARCH 2.

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3. COMMENT. ORFILA IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE FOR OVER  
22 YEARS. I HAD A PRIVATE MEETING WITH HIM PRIOR TO THE  
RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY THE FONMIN. HE TOLD ME THAT  
INFORMATION FROM EL SALVADOR INDICATED THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING  
POST-ELECTION PROBLEMS, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WOULD RATIFY  
THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT ON MARCH 7. AT THE MARCH 2 LUNCHEON,

HE REITERATED THAT VIEW. COLONEL CESAR ELVIR SIERRA, PRESIDENT  
OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ALSO STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD  
RATIFICATION WOULD TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 7.  
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